

# Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



September 2006

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## Notes from the Chairman's Office

Greetings,

The news this month is plentiful and good, so relax and enjoy the update. Our last update was way back in May and a lot has happened and I may even have to categorize to be sure I cover all the areas of activity. Let's see now.

Elections have come and gone and we have settled in with our new Tribal Council members, Jules Darden and Charles Johnson. I'm sure it's been as challenging for these gentlemen as it has for the entire administration in familiarizing with each other and working together as a team. To be sure, our Tribal business is not a simple matter. I welcome both these gentlemen and the return of John Paul Darden.

**Shorty's** casino has continued to provide a much needed stabilization of our revenue stream that fuels the governmental engine we run. Here it is September and we still find ourselves with an atmosphere of "new and exciting" when we enter the casino. One of the goals has been to continue to "tweak" the services and offerings at Shorty's to best meet the expectations of our patrons while not neglecting the mother-ship Cypress Bayou. We're keeping them both at an awesome level.

Sanctuary is the name that we've branded on our most recent endeavor; the hotel accommodations we're preparing to build. It goes without saying that this facility will continue the tradition of building a unique and high quality product to enhance the experience of our patrons. As with all our projects, we are building with the flexibility of providing expansion capabilities. Part of our formula for success has been to carefully calculate "need" vs. "want", as overbuilding would only result in unnecessary overhead, thereby reducing profits. In short, we are continuing to use the formula that's gotten us to where we are today.

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Tribal business development opportunities continue to be at the forefront of our agenda and as our Tribal revenues improve, we find ourselves more able to consider financial investment in “revenue producing” businesses. We have conducted studies recently exploring the feasibility of a gas plaza at Raintree Village and have found that this is indeed feasible. The Tribal Council is in the process of taking the necessary steps to bring this to reality. I’ll keep you posted.

St. Mary Parish School Board has recently made a proposal to the Tribe to construct a new elementary school in Raintree Village. The Tribal Council has considered the proposal and have agreed in principle to offer a combination of sale/donation of a parcel of land to meet their needs. Our offer will be considered by the SMP school board at their next meeting. We’re excited about the potential this new facility holds for the continued development of our Raintree community. The new school will be able to accommodate upwards of 700 students, requiring 70 or so teachers, therein lies the potential for community growth and development.

Road construction is certainly on everyone’s mind these days and rightfully so. It’s obvious to see that things are at an uncomfortable point, but will soon be much better. The crew has been doing a great job and continued progress is expected. In the next week the crew will complete the soil cement work and things will vastly improve. Weather has and will continue to be a factor, so we appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Budget season is upon us once again. Each year at this time we face the challenge to drafting budgets that will best serve our community, utilizing the revenues available. This, we know as balancing the budget. Noteworthy at this point, as you know, is the fact that our governmental budgets are derived from gaming revenues. Well, revenues have grown and stabilized at this point, so it makes things a little more comfortable when considering the services we will continue to offer. As I have said many times, “we offer services second to none”. The Tribal Council prioritizes these services and approves all budgets. This no small task, as everyone would like to have an endless revenue stream. I can say without hesitation that each department is considered fairly and objectively when budgeting and the results are plain to see when you look at the amenities, services and growth in our community. Not only are these areas in better shape but you will soon see a marked difference in the level of “per capita” being sent out. (More on that in a private letter to you)

I have enjoyed sharing a look at where we are and where we intend to go. I trust that you have found this update useful and informative and would like to say that with all that is moving and shaking here, we will return to the days of “monthly” newsletters. I must admit, there have been days when we felt like Maytag repair people here, waiting for something to break. Well, things are better and the possibilities are endless, we will continue to work hard on our growth and community well-being on your behalf.

Until Next Time, Huya Nito

## Resolutions for the Month of May

- #21/06 Authorizes the Chairman to sign the Secondary Programmatic Agreement among FEMA; The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; The City of New Orleans; and the United States Corps of Engineers Regarding the Demolition of Privately owned Residential buildings within Orleans Parish Damaged as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- #22/06 Authorizes the adoption and the implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan until the full plan is contained within this document. As this document is modified and expanded, the Emergency Planning Committee will present this to Tribal Council. The Emergency Planning Committee and the Tribal Council will review the **E.O.P. on an “as-needed” or annual basis.**
- #23/06 Authorizes either Alton LeBlanc, Chairman, or Tricia Mora, Vice-Chairman, acting alone, to act, on behalf of, in the name of, and for the account of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, to execute the Commercial Sales and Security Agreement with IGT for the purchase and financing of slot machines.
- #24/06 Authorizes the Chairman to take any actions and sign any documents necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution, including but not limited to, affixing his signature to the clarifications of the Modified Management Agreement as attached hereto and incorporate by reference herein.
- #25/06 Accepts the LSP proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and Authorizes the Chairman to execute and sign the budget request form.

## Resolutions for the Month of June

- #26/06 Authorizes the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, to sign all checks drawn on all tribal accounts, effective July 01, 2006. In addition, authorizes the Vice-Chairman as an alternate signature for checks drawn on Program, Payroll, and Health Plan Funds in the absence of the Chairman or Secretary-Treasurer. Finally, authorizes the use of mechanical device signatures and signature stamps as signatures and endorsements on the above referenced accounts.
- #27/06 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, CAO, Charles Johnson Sr., Secretary-Treasurer, Nikina Vilcan, Finance Director, Jessica Deslatte, Jr. Acct. Manager, and Tricia Mora, Vice Chairman, to have individual access to the Safe Deposit Box on behalf of the Chitimacha Tribe, effective July 01, 2006.
- #28/06 Authorizes the submission of the FY 2007 Title IV-B application for the funding of **Children's Services for the Chitimacha Tribe. In addition, authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative officer, to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.**
- #29/06 Authorizes the submission of the FY 2007 CCDF application for the funding of Child Care Services for the Chitimacha Tribe. In addition, authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.
- #30/06 Authorizes the Chitimacha Tribe, through the Tribal Council, to assume full responsibility and authority to safeguard any and all property and materials acquired for, or entrusted to the Chitimacha Tribal School by the BIA, and also authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to sign and execute any documents or certifications required by the BIA or specific authorized agents of the BIA which require that said person executing such certification assume personal liability for the said property, provided however that the Chitimacha Tribe shall indemnify and hold such person completely harmless from such personal liability and further, that the Chitimacha Tribe shall be solely responsible for such property.

## Resolutions for the Month of June Continued

- #31/06      **Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to submit an FY'07 Indirect Cost Proposal to the Department of Interior, National Business Center and to negotiate and sign any and all documents pertaining to this proposal.**
- #32/06      Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to submit the annual funding agreement for the Consolidated Tribal Government Program Contract for **FY'07, the third of a three year contract, to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to negotiate and sign any and all documentation pertaining to this contract.**

## Resolutions for the Month of July

- #33/06      Hereby revokes the exclusion order against Malcolm Menard effective on July 19, 2006, pursuant to §6(d) of the Tribal Exclusion Code.
- #34/06      Appoints Don A. Darden as Commissioner of the Chitimacha Gaming Commission for a term of three years.

## Resolutions for the Month of August

- #35/06      Authorizes Adrian J. Bernard and Brandy Martin to individually sign all checks drawn on the checking account at Midsouth National Bank titled Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana dba Chitimacha Trading Post account.



# CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE



## SEPTEMBER 2006

For the month of August 2006, the following traffic citations were issued—one citation for speeding, one citation for operating a vehicle with a switched license plate, one citation for driving without insurance, and two citations for stop sign violations.

The following arrests were logged for August 2006—two male subjects and one female subject arrested for criminal trespassing, one male subject arrested for domestic abuse battery, one male subject arrested for obscenity, one male subject arrested on warrants from Iberia Parish for two counts of simple burglary and also arrested on the tribal charge of operating a vehicle without insurance, and one male subject arrested for possession of Schedule IV narcotics.

Congratulations to Communications Officer Tasia Burgess on becoming P.O.S.T. certified. From April 03 to June 26, 2006 Tasia attended the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 43<sup>rd</sup> Basic Training Academy and received instruction on various topics which included legal aspects, report writing, accident investigation, calls in progress, courtroom testimony, defensive tactics, domestic violence, fingerprinting, first aid, interview and interrogation, chemical weapons, radar certification, police ethics, vehicle stops, weapon certification and physical training.

## DISASTER PLANNING

If catastrophe struck, would your family be ready? Taking simple steps today could save lives and prevent suffering later.

### Plan Your Family's Response

Prevent panic and confusion by making sure everyone knows where to go and what to do in an emergency.

### Stash Supplies

You can buy an emergency kit or assemble your own. Keep everything in protective containers, such as plastic boxes. If you evacuate, take the kit with you. Examples of supplies for your kit—water and food, enough to last three to seven days, choose things that don't need cooling or cooking, water and food for pets if they are traveling with you, batteries, first aid kit, flashlights, blankets and clothes, matches, eating gear such as non-electric can opener, utensils, paper plates and paper towels, hygiene items, backups such as extra chargers for cell phone, spare set of house and car keys, and extra eyeglasses, cash or traveler's checks, pens and paper, cleaning supplies, and a tool kit.

## **Brace For Hurricanes**

**Hurricanes cause catastrophic damage along coasts and several hundred miles inland. They also trigger deadly floods, tornadoes, landslides and torrential rains.**

**Before a storm threatens—Reinforce structures. Check your insurance policies and consider flood insurance. Inspect existing hurricane shutters, install new ones or buy supplies for boarding up windows and drill the holes ahead of time. Plan for shelter—in a house, identify a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level where you can wait out a storm if you're not told to evacuate. Do not stay in a mobile home or high-rise during a hurricane.**

**If a storm may be heading your way—Stay informed and follow weather and news reports. Obey evacuation orders. Limit flying debris by moving toys, garbage cans, patio furniture and other yard items into your house, garage or shed. Be ready—fill your car's gas tank, fill the bathtub and large containers with water to use for cleaning and hygiene if you lose your water supply, turn the refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings and keep the doors closed as much as possible, turn off propane tanks and just before the storm, circuit breakers. Turn off utilities if instructed to do so.**

**During the storm—Avoid using utilities—rely on battery-powered flashlights and lanterns and don't use the telephone except in emergencies. Stay in your shelter—close all interior doors and brace external doors, keep curtains and blinds closed, stay in your interior room away from windows and glass doors, and lie under a sturdy object, if necessary.**

**Don't be fooled by the calm—The worst part of the storm happens after the eye passes and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Be alert for tornadoes during and after hurricanes.**

## **Evacuation**

**A disaster could force anyone to leave home so you should be ready to act.**

**Keep a map in the car and your gas tank full. If you don't have a car, decide *now* how you would get out.**

**Bring your pets and your emergency supply kit.**

**Take routes specified by officials as shortcuts may be impassable.**

**Depending on the situation, you might have days or only minutes to escape so you must do what time allows.**

**If told to, turn off water, electricity and gas. (Check with your gas company before turning your gas back on or have a professional do it.)**

**Carry drivers licenses, emergency contact numbers, insurance cards, bank account information and other documents in a waterproof container.**

**Make a reservation at a hotel or call friends or relatives you can stay with.**

Call or e-mail your out-of-state family contact to say where you are going.  
Leave a note at home saying when you left and where you were headed.  
Depart early to avoid traffic jams.

### **Take Inventory**

If the worst happens and your home is destroyed it will help to have an inventory of everything that you own.

Videotape your belongings, working room by room, while describing what they are, where you got them and their value. You can also take digital photos and store them on a CD.

It's okay if you've lost model numbers and receipts. The goal is to identify as many items as possible as best you can.

Make updates by taking stock at least every five years, and add any major purchases right away.

Protect the results and store your inventory in a secure location away from home, preferably a safe-deposit box. It is also suggested to keep the following documents in your safe-deposit box—all insurance policies, proof of residence (deed or lease), birth and marriage certificates, passports, social security cards, copy of drivers licenses, bank and credit card information, wills, deeds and copies of recent tax returns, and stocks and bonds.

***BE PREPARED BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!***



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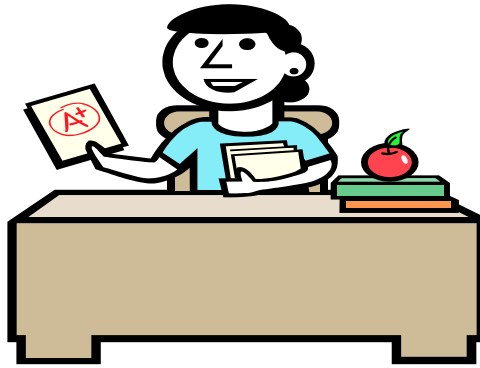
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Re: School News

We are off to a great start in first grade. Ms. Phyllis Darden, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, has seven students in our class. She says her students are very smart and reminds them to always do their best. The first week of school they read about Mouse's birthday party and celebrated Fun Friday with a birthday party for Mouse which was a real treat. They made birthday cards for Mouse and made party hats like Fox wore in their story. Of course, they had cake and Kool-Aid. "Pin-the-tail-on-the-Donkey" and "Musical Chairs" finished the first week of school. They can't wait to see what Fun Friday surprises are in the future. The first grade star of the week for August 21<sup>st</sup> was Tayla Bernauer and fifth grade star of the week for August 21<sup>st</sup> was Victoria Vilcan. For the week of August 28<sup>th</sup> the kindergarten star of the week was Drake Pontiff and sixth grade star of the week was Nata Sedatol. Congratulations to all our students, we are very proud of all of you!

Our youngest students have arrived on campus! Yes our kindergarten students with Ms. Jamie are working hard to learn their new environments here at CTS. Our first few weeks in kindergarten have gotten off to a great start! Our classroom is filled with 11 little busy bees that are ready to learn. We have spent the first few weeks getting acquainted and learning routines and procedures. A very BIG congratulations goes out to Drake Pontiff, Drake is our Star of the Week!

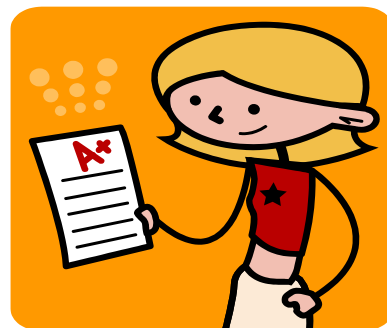
Second Graders are really getting into the swing of things. Everyone is working really hard to learn the classroom rules and routines. In Reading this month we will be learning how people discover new things about themselves through experiences and relationships. Each one of us is special in our own way and has something to contribute to the class. We have been reviewing our addition facts. We have taken a couple of Mad Minute tests and everyone seems to have remembered their addition facts very well. In Social Studies we have been learning about groups and all the different groups we belong to. Our second grade Star Student is Amanda Vilcan. Congratulations Amanda!



Ms. Keeri's 5<sup>th</sup> graders kicked off the new school year with a wonderful start. Everyone arrived with their needed supplies and an eager attitude to learn. We've jumped right into learning with our reading theme "Our World." In this theme we're discussing natural disasters such as hurricanes, fires, volcanoes, tornadoes, and tsunamis. We all know that it is very important to be prepared for these things, especially with it being hurricane season right now. In social studies we're reviewing the seven continents and four oceans. We're also identifying the many landforms that make up the United States. By doing this, we'll be able to understand the harsh conditions Native Americans and early explorers had to cope with while they traveled the land. Congratulations to Victoria Vilcan for being the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Star of the Week!

What a GREAT start to the 2006-2007 school year for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at CTS. Being prepared with the changing of classes is handled well by these newest members to junior high. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has been working hard to get back into the school groove and making sure they are prepared for All their teachers in ALL subjects. In social studies students began their first lesson on Hunters and Gathers and will be moving on to Ancient Civilizations. Students are revved up for new challenges and are so excited to complete their projects. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Star of the Week is Nata Sedatol...Congratulations Nata, we are so proud of you!

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders at the Chitimacha Tribal School were eager to get back into the school system. In Language Arts students began working on short story and paragraph development. Writing skills are essential in all areas of our competitive work force and it is our goal to prepare our young students to succeed beyond their years with us. One of those students that we are preparing is our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Star of the Week, Karli Mensman. Congratulations Karli!



# News from Yaamahana

by  
Kathleen Flanagan



Which safety seat is “the best” for your child? The answer is the one that fits your child, your vehicle, and your family’s needs in terms of comfort and convenience, so that you will use it on every single ride. Here are some general safety guidelines for transporting your child:

Properly restrain all children 12 and under in the back seat of the vehicle. Place infants in rear-facing seats as long as possible; at least until they are 12 months old and weigh 20 pounds.

Children weighing more than 40 pounds should be correctly secured in belt positioning boosters or other appropriate child restraints until the adult lap and shoulder belts fit correctly, usually around age 8.

Once the vehicle safety belts fit children, both lap and shoulder belts should be correctly used. Keep in mind the shoulder belt should never be behind the back or under the arm.

Visit [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org) to learn more about transporting children safely.

Attend a child safety seat check and training. A safety seat check and training will be scheduled at Yaamahana later this fall. Please contact Kathleen Flanagan at 923-0100 for more information about the child safety seat checks and trainings.

Please review the important information on the next page concerning child restraint conditions.

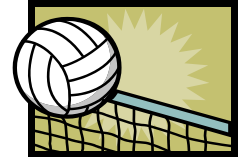
## Proper Child Restraint Recommendations

Conditions	Infants		Toddlers	Older Children
Weight and Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth to at least 1 year old AND at least 20 pounds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth to at least 1 year old</li> <li>More than 20 pounds and less than 35 pounds</li> </ul>	Over 1 year old, over 20 pounds, up to approximately 40 pounds	Over 40 pounds, ages 4-8, unless 4'9" tall
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Rear-facing convertible designed for heavier infants	Convertible/forward-facing/high-back booster with harness	Belt-positioning booster (high-back or no-back)
Seat Position	Rear-facing only		Forward-facing	Forward-facing
Always Make Sure	Harness straps are at, or below shoulder level.		Harness straps should be at, or above, shoulder level.	Belt-positioning booster seats are used with lap/shoulder belt combination only.
Remember	Do not place infants in the front seat of vehicles with air bags.		5-point harnesses provide the best protection.	Make sure the lap belt portion fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries.

Children 12 and under are safest when properly restrained in the rear seat. Keep children rear-facing as long as possible. Always refer to the child safety seat instructions and vehicle manufacture's instructions for weight limits, proper use and installation.

# Recreation News

## September 2006



The busy start of a new school year also brings the fall sports of Recreation. Soccer registration was held in August. With such good participation, we were able to make four teams in each division with a total of 135 kids. Two weeks were devoted to practice and games began Monday, September 11. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays for three weeks, with two games per night in each division. Division I consists of 4-6 year olds, Division II – 7-9 year olds, and Division III – 10 and up. If you see flashes of lime, orange, blue and purple, it's only our 4-13 year olds playing a recreational game of soccer. So stop by and watch a game or two. We have homemade chili, hot dogs, nachos, snowball, popcorn, and drinks in the concession stand. Games times are 6:00 and 6:30 PM on three different fields.

Cross Country – The girls and boys cross country teams are now practicing and getting ready for their first race, which will be held on September 19 at the Sports Complex. Girls will run at 6:00 PM and the boys will follow soon after. Also on that day, we will hold our annual Rug Rat Races which highlight our future athletes at Yaamahana. The first race is the one year old Diaper Dash. Second is the two year old Tot Trot race. The third race features our three year old Rug Rats. And finally, the four year old Kiddie Kick. These races promise a huge laugh. So come out and enjoy the races which begin at 4:00 PM, inside the baseball park at the Sports Complex. We are in need of volunteers for these races so if you would like to help us, please call us at 923-4975.

Volleyball – The junior high volleyball teams have begun practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the gym. Games are slated to begin Thursday, October 5, against Highland Baptist of New Iberia, Glencoe Charter School, and Emmanuel Christian of Morgan City.

Our volleyball coaches are Amy Sandusky and Rachel LeBlanc. Take notice of our marquis in front of Recreation for updated information.

Flag Football – The coaches meeting for Flag Football will be held at Recreation on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 6:00 PM. Our youngest football players will include boys 6 and 7 year olds. Other divisions will be decided upon after registration which will be held September 18-21. New this year will be a junior high flag football division. We will play against Highland Baptist, Glencoe Elementary and Emmanuel Christian. If anyone is interested in coaching, please give us a call.

CPR Class- A CPR class was held on August 10. The next class will be held in February of 2007. Let us know if you'd like to attend.

Pool – The pool will be closing soon, so come out and enjoy the water while we're still open. Pool hours are posted on the front door and on the pool gate.



# TRIBAL COURT NEWS

## CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

MAY THRU AUGUST: (Combined)

CASES: (128)

50 Civil Actions (3 Garnishments/5 Civil Complaints/1 Petition for Possession/7 Petition to Make Judgment Executory/1 Complaint/1 Petition on Insufficient Funds Check/ 2 Civil Environment Violation)

48 Domestic (43 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/1 Petition for Divorce/3 Petition for Change in Custody/1 Petition for Guardianship)

1 Criminal

28 Traffic

1 Criminal Traffic

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (23)  
(20 Assignment/Liens/ 3 Form UCC-1)

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (10)  
(7 Property Use Agreements/ 1 Acknowledgment of Paternity/1 Agreement for Reimbursement of Funeral Expense Advance/1 General Power of Attorney)

TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED  
IN  
MAY THRU AUGUST, 2006  
(161)

CASES PENDING AS OF  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

TRIBAL COURT: (55)

21 CIVIL  
15 DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
13 CRIMINAL  
03 TRAFFIC  
01 JUVENILE  
01 PROBATE  
01 CRIMINAL TRAFFIC

## COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: MAY

The first regular session was conducted on May 9, 2006, at which time 13 matters were scheduled to be heard. Four matters were dismissed and one matter was disposed with payment of fine and costs.

(10) DOMESTIC  
(01) TRAFFIC  
(02) CIVIL

A special session was conducted on May 31, 2006 at which time 1 matter was scheduled to be heard.

(01) DOMESTIC



The second regular session was conducted on May 23, 2006, at which time 14 matters were scheduled to be heard. Two matters were reset for later dates.

- (06) DOMESTIC
- (01) CIVIL
- (06) TRAFFIC
- (01) CRIMINAL TRAFFIC

#### TRIBAL COURT: JUNE

One regular session was conducted on June 6, 2006, at which time 40 matters were scheduled to be heard. Five matters were reset for later dates and five matters were dismissed.

- (03) JUVENILE
- (05) CIVIL
- (10) DOMESTIC
- (07) TRAFFIC
- (15) CRIMINAL TRAFFIC

#### TRIBAL COURT: JULY

One regular session was conducted on July 11, 2006, at which time 123 matters were scheduled to be heard. Two matters were reset for later dates.

- (41) TRAFFIC
- (54) CRIMINAL
- (12) CIVIL
- (15) DOMESTIC
- (01) CRIMINAL TRAFFIC

One special session was conducted on July 17, 2006, at which time 1 matter was scheduled to be heard.

- (01) CRIMINAL

#### TRIBAL COURT: AUGUST

The first regular session was conducted on August 8, 2006, at which time 26 matters were scheduled to be heard. Three matters were reset for later dates and three matter were dismissed.

- (06) CRIMINAL
- (03) CIVIL
- (14) DOMESTIC
- (01) CRIMINAL TRAFFIC
- (02) PROBATE

The second regular session was scheduled on August 22, 2006 with 5 matters scheduled. All matters were reset for another date.

Thirteen jury trials were scheduled to be heard during the week of August 28 - September 9, 2006. All matters were reset for a later date.

Our next regular session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2006, with open sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at (337) 923-7806; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro St., Chitimacha Reservation; and our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

# Chitimacha Human Services' News

Karen Matthews, MSW, GSW

Social Services Director



Well summer is over and it is once again time for the Chitimacha W.A.R.R.I.O.R.S. (Willing to be a Responsible, Respectful, Individual on Our Reservation and in Society) Boys and Girls' Groups to begin. Boys and Girls' Groups are scheduled for the second week in September 2006. Hollie Battaglio, Human Services Specialist and Nicole Clements Hebert, who is substituting in the Human Services Assistant position are preparing exciting group activities for our Boys and Girls' Groups. This year Human Services has added two additional Groups including students in the First and Eighth Grades. Thus far we have thirty-eight students registered to participate in the Boys and Girls' Groups.

Human Services conducted In-Service Training for the Chitimacha Tribal School Staff with the following topic areas: Child Abuse/Neglect, Stress Management and Substance Abuse. We sponsored an HIV Prevention, Population, Trends, and Risk Assessments Workshop in conjunction with the Delta Region Aids Education and Training Center. We would like to thank Presenters, Ms. Onita B. Triplett, Regional Manager, N'R PEACE, Step's Project-Region III and Ms. Christina Price, MPH, HIV Trainer, Delta Region AIDS Education and Training Center, School of Public Health, LSU Health Sciences Center. Special thanks is extended to the Chitimacha Recreation Department Staff for use of their facility in hosting the workshop. Departments participating in the workshop included Human Services, Tribal Courts and Recreation staff.

Human Services sponsored a field trip for daycare students attending Yaamahana. The daycare students enjoyed a movie at Celebrity Theater located in Broussard, Louisiana and lunch at McDonald in New Iberia, Louisiana. "We had a great time!"

Karen and Hollie have completed the FEMA Introduction to the Incident Command System Course provided by the Emergency Management Institute.

## 10 Ways to Help Your Teen Manage Time

1. Give your teen a daily planner or calendar. They're valuable aids for organizing and gauging time.
2. Limit TV, computer, and phone usage so they don't interfere with the time needed to get schoolwork done.



3. Promote proper rest and nutrition. Plenty of sleep and a healthy diet increase energy and the ability to accomplish more.
4. Encourage making a “To Do” list each night so your teen prepares for what needs to be done the next day.
5. Help your teen prioritize. The most important tasks should be completed first.
6. Suggest keeping materials and papers organized. The less time spent looking for items, the more time spent getting things done.
7. Try to prevent your teen from taking on too many activities. Make sure enough time is allotted for schoolwork and sleep.
8. Teach your teen to break large projects into smaller tasks. This will make daunting assignments more manageable.
9. Remind your teen that perfection isn’t necessary. Trying to be perfect can cause stress and procrastination.
10. Have your teen combine activities—such as reading while riding the bus—to make an effective use of time.

**Remember, you serve as a role model for your teen,  
so manage your time wisely also.**

### **Teamwork**

**“When we combine our hearts and minds, all of us thrive.”**



# News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief

June-August Activities



**Training;** Since our last newsletter, we continue to conduct monthly meetings and drills here at the Fire Department. In June, CFP and area fire department personnel attended a Rapid Intervention Training (RIT) Class at Berwick Fire Department sponsored by LSU Fire Emergency Training Institute (FETI). The essential component of RIT involves search, rescue, and removal of down firefighters from a structure. In August, Kered Parro and Clarence Clark received their Hazardous Materials Awareness Certifications from LSU Fire and Emergency. Deborah Guardia conducted a Child Passenger Safety Restraint Training presentation at the Yaamahana Child Care Center in which participating parents received complimentary child restraint seats for attending the course. If any assistance is needed involving a Child Restraint Seat or other Deborah can provide valuable assistance. Chief R.Cook, Captain Perry, and CFP Volunteer Lance Mire will be attending a Hazardous Material Technician Refresher Course in the month of September. Our Department has complied to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by completing the required test according to NIMS standards. Personnel are projected to attend the Louisiana Propane Gas training in December. Finally, Ongoing training is in process for those pursuing Firefighter I.

**Other Departmental Activities;** We would like to welcome Kered Perro as an employee of CFP. Deborah Guardia and Kenneth Perry posted health precautions regarding Summer Heat and Hurricane related notices to all local facilities. Kered Parro attended the quarterly St. Mary Parish Fire Association Meeting during the month of August. A topic of discussion was a Burn Building/Training Center with the projected site to be location on land donated by Dr. Kidd of Franklin La. This facility will enable area fire departments to conduct structure fire fighting activities within St Mary Parish.

**Response Area Fire Prevention Activities;** are an ongoing component performed at all the educational and commercial facilities throughout the response district. Monthly fire extinguisher inspections, pre-planning, Fire Hydrant and other inspections are conducted throughout response district. October 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Week and personnel will be attending the educational facilities within our response district providing fire safety. This year's theme will focus on fire and accident prevention of cooking related incidents.

**Notices;** There is no information to report regarding the recent FEMA Fire Act Grant Application submitted in April for a new Attack Pumper. The Fire Department has smoke detectors available, if you need a detector or would like to have your present detector checked, call the department and someone will be happy to assist you. We can also inspect your fire extinguisher. ☺

**Emergency Responses;** Total Calls for the Month of June '06 @ 32, July '06 @ 26, & August '06 @ 31.

## Chitimacha Cultural Classes

### Chitimacha Language

Elder's class (age 55 and older)

Mondays at 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Adult class (high school to age 55)

Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Taught by Carolyn Savage

### Beadwork

Adult classes for (high school and up)

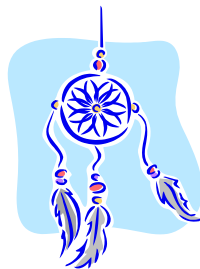
Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Taught by Sam Boutte and/or Rachel Vilcan

*These classes will be held based on a sign up interest. Please call by October 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

337-923-9923

We are also looking for families to attend family language classes. Those interested in learning Chitimacha for conversational use in their homes should call for more information.



# News from the Public Works Department

Tony Darden, Public Works Director

## Summer Youth Program



Our Summer Youth Workers 2006 ( L to R starting from rear): Philbert Schexnaider, Eric Bobbitt, Michael Mora, Hayden Ecuier, Derek Brown, Supervisor Carla Newman, Magdeline Darden, Sierra Johnson, Lauren Persilver, Supervisor Sheila Gaddy, & Hannah LaGarde.

Summer Youth Workers not pictured above: Devynn Depue, Chay Guillory, Nathaniel LeBlanc, Ariel Marsh, and Brittany Simoneaux.

This group of Summer Youth Program workers for 2006 performed a superb job in maintaining Tribal Facilities without any accidents reported.

We would like to acknowledge their excellent performances for this summer.



Above L to R: Hannah LaGarde, Vice Cahairman Tricia Mora, & Derek Brown.

Below L to R: Sheila Gaddy, Hannah LaGarde, Tony Darden, Derek Brown, & Carla Newman.

Both Hannah LaGarde and Derek Brown received bonuses for their outstanding job performances.

Supervisors Sheila Gaddy and Carla Newman were awarded certificates for being exceptionally instrumental in supervising an excellent Summer Youth Program work crew, and Tony Darden was presented a Gold Star for an exquisite job with the Summer Youth Program.







Pictured from L to R starting in rear are: Chay Guillory, Eric Bobbitt, Philbert Schexnaider, Derek Brown, Hayden Ecuier, Devynn Depue, Michael Mora, Brittany Simoneaux, Magdeline Darden, Ariel Marsh, Lauren Persilver, and Sierra Johnson.

Not shown above are Hannah LaGarde and Nathaniel LeBlanc.

This was the first day of the Summer Youth Program, and these workers were up, energetic & ready for their first tasks.

Great Job Workers!!!

And I would also like to thank Ms. Jamie Baudoin who helped this summer for a few days.

We would like to wish each of our Summer Youths and the Supervisors of the Summer Youth Program  
A very good school year.

Thanks also to the Tribal Council and the Human Resources Department for all their help.

## Sewer System:



Some of the things we are doing with our sewer system is that we have ordered four (4) emergency generators for each of our sewer lift stations. These generators will be placed permanently installed at each site. When we have power outages, these lift stations will continue to operate, and when a power outage last for a long period of time they will operate to their capacity.

We are asking residents to help us by not flushing any of the following items into the system such as: Q-tips, sanitary items, toys and etc. These items can cause major problems to the sewer pumps.

## Waste Oil:

Please remember that the Maintenance Department is still accepting waste oil. If you have any that you would like to dispose of you may bring it to the shop. This service is only available between the hours of 7:30 am thru 5:00 pm Monday thru Thursday, and 7:30 am thru 11:30 am on Fridays. Please check with one of the Maintenance workers prior to any disposal.

## Dumpsters:

The dumpsters that are located at all Tribal buildings and the Trading Post is strictly for the use of Tribal facilities. Private household garbage should be disposed of at the Waste Management facilities in Franklin.

## Tribal Property:

If you are planning on using Tribal equipment, such as the tractor or trailers on the weekend, you Must come by the Public Works Department before 11:30 am on Fridays to sign out the equipment. If you fail to do so, then there will be No equipment loaned out on Saturdays or Sundays.

Thank you in advance for adhering to all Departmental policies.

## Position Announcement

### Part-time Office Assistant for Yaamahana / ELC

This position is under supervision of the Child Care Center Director, undertakes and performs a variety of clerical, office assistant, receptionist and related office support duties. The work schedule is twenty (20) per week which are flexible.

Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED and must be 18 years of age. Preferably one (1) year of relevant clerical, secretarial or closely related experience.

Preference will be given to Qualified Native Americans, Subject to pre-employment and random drug testing, and a Background investigation will be required

If you are interested, please submit a resume by Fax (337)-924-9420 or mail to: Chitimacha Tribe of LA, Human Resources, P.O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE “EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR” WINNER!!!!



Pictured (l to r): Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrator Officer), Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman)  
& Earlene Thomas (Employee of the Year Winner)

Earlene Thomas was announced as the winner for the Employee of the Year 2006. The announcement was made September 1, 2006, following the Employee of the Year Banquet.

Earlene has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since September 7, 1999. Currently, she is located at the Chitimacha Health Clinic as a Medical Records Coder. In this position, she codes medical charts for billing, performs data entry, responsible for accounts receivable, performs x-rays and monitors HIPAA compliance. Earlene resides on the Chitimacha Reservation with her husband Charles H. Thomas and they have two daughters; Kelly Anne Cousins and Courtney Thomas-Malagarie. She enjoys fishing, gardening, an amateur astronomer and loves animals.

## Other Pictures taken of Nominees:



Pictured L to R:

Nominee: Amanda Boudreaux  
(Yaamahana ELC- Lead Child Care Provider)

Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman) & Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer)



Pictured L to R:

Nominee: Deborah Carlos  
(Yaamahana ELC - Assistant Child Care Provider)

Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman) & Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer)



Pictured L to R:  
Nominee: Cathy Darden  
(Finance Department - A/P Clerk)

Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman) & Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer)



Pictured L to R:  
Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer) & Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman)

Nominee: Jackie Darden  
(Tribal Court - Senior Deputy Clerk)





Pictured L to R:  
Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer) & Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman)

Nominee: John Darden  
(Cultural Department - Museum Interpreter)



Pictured L to R:  
Nominee: Bridgett Marcell  
(Gaming Commission – Clerk of Commission)

Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman) & Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer)



Pictured L to R:  
 Nominee: Brian Millet  
 (Police Department - Police Officer)

Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman) & Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer)



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 Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer) & Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman)

Nominee: Kenneth Perry, Sr.  
 (FIRE Department - Fire Captain)



Pictured L to R:

Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer) & Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman)

Nominee: Natalie Rodriguez  
(Yaamahana ELC - Lead Child Care Provider)



Pictured L to R:

Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer) & Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman)

Nominee: Earlene Thomas  
(Health Clinic - Medical Records Coder)





Pictured L to R:  
Peggy Gaddy (Chief Administrative Officer) & Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman)

Nominee: Kitty Vilcan  
(Administration - Office Assistant)

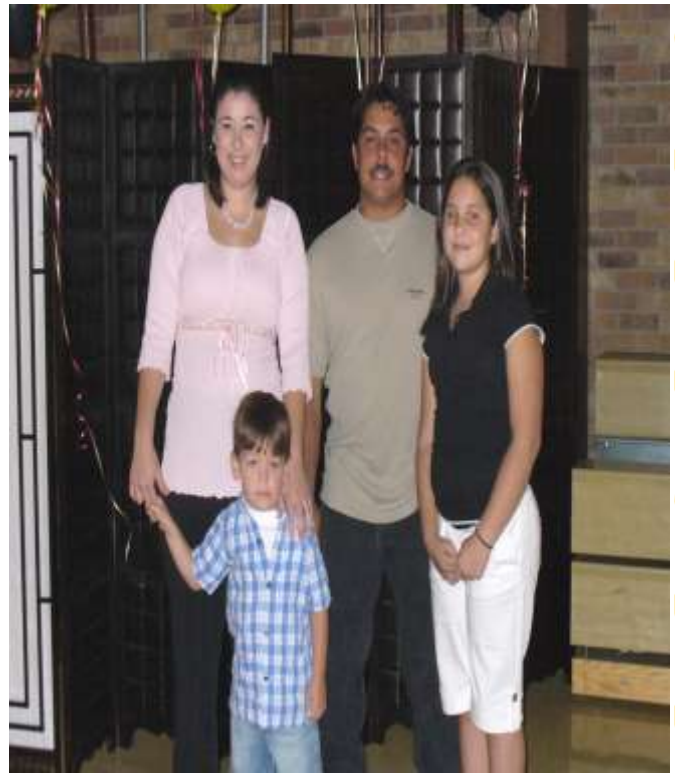


Pictured:

Nominee: Nikina Vilcan  
(Finance - Junior Accounting Manager)









## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Dear Tribal Members,

I would like to extend my appreciation to you for electing me to the office of Council Member this past election. I am truly thankful that you have entrusted your faith in me to make decisions for our Tribal Nation. I vow to serve the Chitimacha people honorably.

Sincerely,

Jules M. Darden

Call Kitty @ (337) 923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:  
[kitty@chitimacha.gov](mailto:kitty@chitimacha.gov)

